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The petitioner requests that his claim for six hundred and forty acres may be located in township 7, range 3 east, in the same land district of St. Helena, so as to include the improvements which he there made on land not in the market, under a mistaken belief that it was covered by a private claim, which he had purchased.

As the most valuable part of the land to which the petitioner had a confirmed claim, and which was ordered to be surveyed and allotted to him, has, by mistake, been sold as public land, and the proceeds of the sale have gone into the Treasury, your committee think it just and equitable to grant to the petitioner an equal quantity of the public land elsewhere, to satisfy his claim ; and for this purpose they report a bill.

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